



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

BULLETIN/BOLETIN

JANUARY 5TH
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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LA EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

| Time | Language |
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| 6:15 am | English |
| 8:00 am | English |
| 5:30 pm | Español |

Saturday, January 11th

| Time | Language | Presider |
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| 8:00 am | English | Fr. Angulo |
| 5:00 pm | English | Fr. Uko |

Sunday, January 12th

| Time | Language | Presider |
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| 7:30 am | English | Fr. Stephen |
| 9:00 am | English | Fr. Manny |
| 10:30 am | English | Fr. Flores |
| 12:30 pm | Español | Fr. Manny |
| 5:30 pm | English | Fr. Flores |

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Saturdays, 8:30 am - 10:00 am in the Church
or by appointment at the Reilly Parish Center



The Blessed Sacrament
is exposed every
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9:00 am to 12 Noon
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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!
Congratulations to our Newly
Baptized:

- ◆ Benjamin Bowles
- ◆ Evangeline Marie Cambo
- ◆ Lucia Giuliana Cordero
- ◆ Michael Julius Lopez
- ◆ Milena Aguayo Maldonado
- ◆ Emilia Katharine Santeiro
- ◆ Ana Sofia Valencia
- ◆ Diego Alberto Valencia



Congratulations and God's
Blessings to those Joined in
Holy Matrimony:

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Rest in Peace. We Pray for those
who have Entered Eternity:

- ◆ Celia W. Garcia

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Private on Saturdays or Group on Sundays at 2:00pm. Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance.
- Privados los sábados o en grupo los domingos a las 2:00 pm. Arreglos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación.

COTLF Charities

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A POOR BOX?

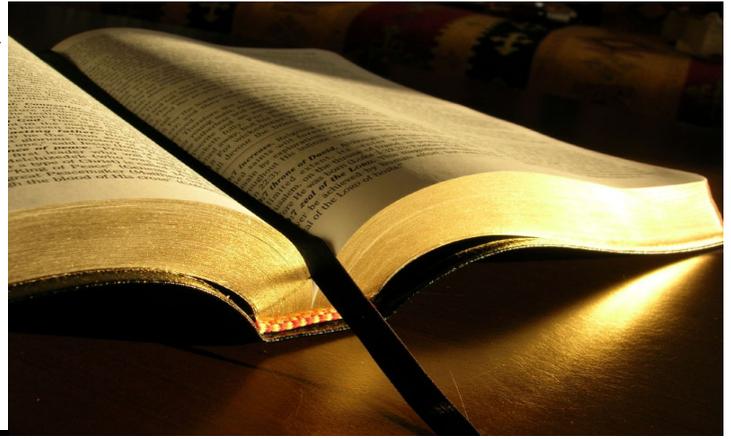
Though sometimes hard to find, our Poor Box is located in the vestibule/entrance of the church, inside the back wall, near the Saint Anthony statue.

100% of the gifts and donations placed in the Poor Box are utilized to assist the poor, the needy, and those in emergency circumstances of our parish and within our parish territory, through the good work of our "COTLF Charities" Ministry.

Thank you for considering providing a gift of support to assist the most vulnerable.

READINGS OF THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Sunday/Domingo: | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday/Lunes: | 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday/Martes: | 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 |
| Wednesday/Miercoles: | 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 |
| Thursday/Jueves: | 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a |
| Friday/Viernes: | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 |
| Saturday/Sabado: | 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30 |
| Sunday/Domingo: | Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 |



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 5th

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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| 7:30 am | † Paul McCaffrey |
| 9:00 am | † Maria Gonzalez Suarez |
| 10:30 am | Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family |
| 12:30 pm | † Armando Riestra & Maria Teresa Riestra De Mon |
| 5:30 pm | † Adrian Lopez |

Monday, January 6th

Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious

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| 6:15 am | Mercy Gonzalez |
| 8:00 am | † Katie Leerkes |
| 5:30 pm | Misa Comunitaria |

Tuesday, January 7th

Memorial of St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

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| 6:15 am | † Elizabeth "Libby" Sheeran |
| 8:00 am | † Gilberto Varela |
| 5:30 pm | Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family |

Wednesday, January 8th

Christmas Weekday

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| 6:15 am | † Francisca Rangel |
| 8:00 am | Perez, Reus, & Rodriguez Families |
| 5:30 pm | Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family |

Thursday, January 9th

Christmas Weekday

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| 6:15 am | Jose Escobar |
| 8:00 am | Special Intentions of the Garcia Family |
| 5:30 pm | Misa Comunitaria |

Friday, January 10th

Christmas Weekday

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| 6:15 am | Parish Staff |
| 8:00 am | Santibáñez Family Intentions |
| 5:30 pm | Misa Comunitaria |

Saturday, January 11th

Christmas Weekday

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| 8:00 am | † Edilberto Garcia |
| 5:00 pm | † Esmeralda Sierra & Herminia Fernandez Perez |

Sunday, January 12th

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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| 7:30 am | Yamila Chialastri's Birthday |
| 9:00 am | † Monsignor Thomas Comber |
| 10:30 am | Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family |
| 12:30 pm | † Gladys Raul y Jose Sotolongo |
| 5:30 pm | † Paul McCaffrey |

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5th

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| 2:00 pm | Baptisms - C |
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Monday, January 6th

School Resumes

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| 7:00 pm | Bible Study - RPC |
| 7:00 pm | Cristo en Cuba - CH |
| 7:30 pm | Emaus de Hombres - RPC |

Tuesday, January 7th

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| 9:15 am | ESL Classes - RPC |
| 7:00 pm | RCIA - RPC |
| 7:00 pm | Legion of Mary - LH |
| 8:00 pm | Charismatic Prayer Group - RPC |

Wednesday, January 8th

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| 7:00 pm | Talleres de Oración y Vida - RPC |
| 7:30 pm | Women's Emmaus - RPC |
| 7:30 pm | Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC |
| 7:30 pm | Legion de Maria (Español) - LH |

Thursday, January 9th

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| 6:00 pm | France Pilgrimage Information Meeting - CH |
| 7:00 pm | Cursillos - RPC |
| 7:00 pm | Cub Scouts - CAF |
| 7:30 pm | Men's Emmaus - RPC |
| 7:30 pm | Boy Scouts - SCT |

Friday, January 10th

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| 7:30 pm | Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC |
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Saturday, January 11th

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| 8:30 am | Confessions - C |
| 9:00 am | Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat - CAF |
| 9:00 am | Baptism Preparation Class - RPC |
| 10:30 am | Baptisms - C |
| 6:45 pm | Wedding: Richard Barrios & Megan Roca-Alameda |

Sunday, January 12th

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| 9:00 am | Scouts Mass & 5th Grade Family Mass - C |
| 2:00 pm | Baptisms - C |



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear Little Flower Family,

Happy New Year! As we gather this Sunday to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, I want to continue what I started writing about in last week's bulletin which is basically a framework of pastoral goals for our parish for this new year. I mentioned two words that I have been praying about and discussing with our Pastoral Council and staff that should be our goals for 2020: adoration and formation. Last week, I explained the adoration aspect as we seek to be a parish that commits to adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to strengthen our community and help us to grow in holiness. Today I want to delve into how formation plays a part in our growth as a parish.

Let's face it: how many of us could adequately defend our faith or quote the Bible if we got into an argument with an Evangelical Christian? If you can't, this isn't your fault. As a Church here in the United States, we have done an awful job in the catechetical formation of our people, especially our young people. In a presentation given in November to the U.S. bishops on evangelization, Bishop Robert Barron said that we have had two generations of a "pastoral disaster" of bad formation. Why? He gave a very clear explanation: "We have to stop dumbing down the faith." (A summary of the bishop's presentation is found on page 7 of this bulletin.) Many of us grew up going to CCD watching Bible cartoons and being taught that Jesus loves us. Yes, he does, but why does he love us? Why did he die on the cross for us? Why did he leave us the Eucharist and the sacraments? Why do we believe in everything that we recite in the Creed on Mass on Sundays? Why do we have to go to Mass on Sundays? Etc. Etc. Etc. So many questions, and as a Church, we have failed you in helping to answer them.

This is the beauty of the New Year: THERE'S HOPE! We must recognize that there is so much we have yet to learn about the beauty and genius of Catholicism. Instead of blaming previous generations, some who spent their life catechizing children like you and me but with little guidance from their priests and bishops, we must turn the page and ask: what do we need to be better formed Catholics? Well, that starts with me as your pastor. It is my responsibility to make sure that our children are formed better in Religious

Education and that the adult members of our parish have the resources needed to grow in their faith. Many Catholics stopped learning about their faith when they finished their Confirmation year because the Church didn't offer more formation programs. This needs to change.

Back in November, I sat down with some parishioners who shared this concern about lack of formation. The solution that we came up with, for now, is to start off with interactive and engaging Formation Nights led by myself or Father Flores. These would not be ordinary classes. We would talk about a range of things pertaining to catechesis. We talked about doing monthly Formation Nights, but the times we live in give us a sense of urgency and I would like to move these to weekly formation nights as soon as possible. I want us to move away from being "hour a week" Catholics to being Catholics who come to Mass and then come to Church during the week to participate in our ministries and to be fed with what I hope will become weekly formation nights. Will this upset and alter the way our ministries are scheduled and meet? ABSOLUTELY! "Do not think I that I have come to bring peace upon the earth..." our Lord tell us in Matthew 10:34. He came to turn the status quo on its head. Formation must be a priority for our parish. We do so many things so extraordinarily well as a parish, but are we well formed Catholics? Our ministries are important and vital, but the members of our ministries need to be better formed. This is something they have told me themselves. We can't just keep doing the same thing year after year and wondering why we can't get enough people to come to (fill in the blank) retreat or event. We have to start with forming our hearts and becoming well-formed missionary disciples who go out into the world to find and create more well-formed missionary disciples. Our first Formation Night will be Thursday, February 6 at 7pm in Comber Hall. All ministries scheduled for that night are cancelled so that its members may attend the Formation Night.

Happy New Year! It's time to take the gloves off and fight for our faith!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

¡Feliz año nuevo! Nos reunimos este domingo para celebrar la Epifanía de nuestro Señor y quiero continuar sobre lo que comencé a escribir en el boletín de la semana pasada, que es básicamente un marco de objetivos pastorales para nuestra parroquia para este nuevo año. Mencioné dos palabras por las que he estado orando y discutiendo con nuestro Consejo Pastoral y el personal que deberían ser nuestros objetivos para el 2020: adoración y formación. La semana pasada, expliqué el aspecto de la adoración mientras buscamos ser una parroquia que se comprometa a adorar a nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento para fortalecer nuestra comunidad y ayudarnos a crecer en santidad. Hoy quiero profundizar en cómo la formación juega un papel en nuestro crecimiento como parroquia.

Seamos realistas: ¿cuántos de nosotros podríamos defender adecuadamente nuestra fe o citar la Biblia si estamos discutiendo con un cristiano evangélico? Si no puedes, esto no es tu culpa. Como Iglesia aquí en los Estados Unidos, hemos hecho un trabajo horrible en la formación catequética de nuestro pueblo, especialmente nuestros jóvenes. En una presentación dada en noviembre a los obispos de los Estados Unidos sobre la evangelización, el obispo Robert Barron dijo que hemos tenido dos generaciones de un "desastre pastoral" de mala formación. ¿Por qué? Dio una explicación muy clara: "Tenemos que dejar de entorpecer la fe." Muchos de nosotros crecimos asistiendo a la catequesis viendo videos de muñequitos de la Biblia y aprendiendo que Jesús nos ama. Sí, claro que nos ama, pero ¿por qué nos ama? ¿Por qué murió en la cruz por nosotros? ¿Por qué nos dejó la Eucaristía y los sacramentos? ¿Por qué creemos en todo lo que recitamos en el Credo en la Misa los domingos? ¿Por qué tenemos que ir a misa los domingos? Etc. Etc. Tantas preguntas, y como Iglesia, le hemos fallado en ayudar a responderlas.

Esta es la belleza del Año Nuevo: ¡HAY ESPERANZA! Debemos reconocer que todavía hay mucho por aprender sobre la belleza y el genio del catolicismo. En lugar de culpar a las generaciones anteriores, algunos que pasaron la vida catequizando a niños como tú y yo, pero con poca orientación de sus sacerdotes y obispos, debemos pasar la página y preguntar: ¿qué necesitamos para ser católicos mejor formados? Bueno, eso comienza conmigo como su párroco. Es mi responsabilidad asegurarme de que nuestros hijos se formen mejor en la Catequesis semanal y que los

miembros adultos de nuestra parroquia tengan los recursos necesarios para crecer en su fe. Muchos católicos dejaron de aprender acerca de su fe cuando terminaron su año de Confirmación porque la Iglesia no ofreció más programas de formación. Esto necesita cambiar.

En noviembre, me senté con algunos feligreses que compartían esta preocupación por la falta de formación. La solución que se nos ocurrió, por ahora, es comenzar con noches de formación interactivas y atractivas dirigidas por mí o por el padre Flores. Estas no serían clases ordinarias. Hablaríamos de una variedad de cosas relacionadas con la catequesis. Hablamos acerca de hacer Noches de Formación mensuales, pero los tiempos en que vivimos nos dan una sensación de urgencia y me gustaría pasarlos a noches de formación semanales lo más antes posible. Quiero que nos alejemos de ser católicos de "hora a la semana" a ser católicos que vienen a misa y luego vienen a la Iglesia durante la semana para participar en nuestros ministerios y alimentarnos de lo que espero se convierta en noches de formación semanales. ¿Esto alterará y alterará la forma en que nuestros ministerios están programados y se reúnen? ¡ABSOLUTAMENTE! "No pienses que he venido para traer paz a la tierra ..." nuestro Señor nos dice en Mateo 10:34. Él vino a poner el statu quo en su cabeza. La formación debe ser una prioridad para nuestra parroquia. Hacemos tantas cosas tan extraordinariamente bien como parroquia, pero ¿somos católicos bien formados? Nuestros ministerios son importantes y vitales, pero los miembros de nuestros ministerios necesitan estar mejor formados. Esto es algo que me han dicho ellos mismos. No podemos seguir haciendo lo mismo año tras año y preguntarnos por qué no podemos conseguir que suficientes personas vengan tal retiro o evento. Tenemos que comenzar formando nuestros corazones y convirtiéndonos en discípulos misioneros bien formados que salen al mundo para encontrar y crear más discípulos misioneros bien formados. Nuestra primera Noche de Formación será el jueves 6 de febrero a las 7pm en Comber Hall en inglés. Todos los ministerios programados para esa noche quedan cancelados para que sus miembros puedan asistir a la primera Noche de Formación.

Feliz año nuevo. Es hora de quitarse los guantes y luchar por nuestra fe.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Fr. Manny

TOGETHER | JUNTOS



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For more details, please contact Irma Aguilar at the Parish Office - (305) 446-9950, Ext 314.



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| ♦ Luz Angela Gallo | ♦ Michele Luciano | ♦ Rene Monteagudo | ♦ Pat Ayala |
| ♦ Robert Sanchez | ♦ Dean Carr | ♦ Alex Lacca | ♦ Eddy Sanchez |
| ♦ Cristina Sierra | ♦ Ana Isabel Herrera | ♦ Gilda de Armas | ♦ Porfirio Ponce |
| ♦ Jennifer Yudice | ♦ Maria de Cardenas | ♦ Sean Stockhausen | ♦ Barbara Fernandez |
| ♦ Elisa and Enrique Massens | ♦ Juan Carbonell | ♦ Hugo Guilarte | ♦ Nicholas Cirillo |
| ♦ Ofelia Sotomayor | ♦ Manny Nuñez | ♦ Maria Guilarte | ♦ Jose "Ricky" Suarez |
| ♦ Gloria L.V. Keigans | ♦ Elena Garcia | ♦ Aristides Rivera | ♦ Riley Valentina |
| ♦ Crystal Martin | ♦ Bob Needham | ♦ Lee Ramirez | ♦ Jake Duque |
| ♦ Frances Shaheen | ♦ Augustus Riley | ♦ Lillian Maribona | ♦ Daniel Martin |
| | ♦ Yolanda Martos | ♦ Otto Crombet | |

Need to add a name to our parish prayer list? Please contact Jorge Santibáñez at the Parish Office.



WORSHIPPING THE LORD | ADORANDO AL SEÑOR

Bishop Barron on how to reach out to the 'nones'

By Cindy Rousselle (Catholic News Agency)

Baltimore, Maryland., Nov 12, 2019 / 02:38 pm (CNA).-

Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and chairman of the US bishops' committee on evangelization, outlined five paths for Church leaders to re-energize the religiously unaffiliated on Monday. Barron's Nov. 11 presentation was on the opening day of the USCCB's Fall General Assembly, held in Baltimore. His presentation opened with a trailer for a new video that fully expands on how better to reach the religiously unaffiliated.

To better engage people who are not affiliated with any religion or who may be fallen-away Catholics, Barron said that the transcendentals – truth, goodness, and beauty – must be communicated to young people in order to pique their interest in religion. Barron presented five strategies and techniques that can be deployed in order to communicate these concepts to young people and the religiously unaffiliated. These strategies highlight the Church's teachings on justice, her beauty, her intellectualism, her missionary mission, as well as encouraging “creative use of the new media.”

Young people, said Barron, do not respond well to some of Catholicism's teachings – particularly those on sex. What they do seem to appreciate, however, is the Church's teachings on social justice. Barron suggested that it could be effective to lead with the Church's teachings on social justice, referring to this as the “path of justice.”

“We have a very powerful tradition around doing the works of justice. And young people like that. They get it,” said Barron. He cited figures such as Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and St. Teresa of Calcutta as figures who have lived out Church teachings of social justice who should be held up as examples to the young people of today.

“We know this tradition. We should propagate it,” he said.

Barron said it was important to flex the beauty of the Church to young people, in what he called “Via Pulchritudinis,” or “The Way of Beauty.” This beauty, said Barron, extends to more than just physical church buildings. There must also be beauty present in liturgies, as well as in things such as websites – where young people may first encounter their local parish. Barron stressed the importance of having a parish having a solid online presence, as well as engaging Catholic artists and writers and promoting their work. “Beauty,” said Barron “is a great path to follow.”

Shifting gears to what he called the “intellectual path,” Barron was critical in how he believes the faith was currently being pitched to young people. “We have to stop dumbing down the faith,” he said. He said there has been two generations of a “pastoral disaster” of bad formation, where key tenets of the faith were not effectively taught to young people. This failure, said Barron, has led to people being unable to properly answer the tough questions that may be asked. When these questions go unanswered, said Barron, people may abandon faith altogether.

Despite what Barron called a “smart tradition” of Catholicism, he said it has not been properly articulated to young people through catechesis. He stressed the need for Catholic schools to better prepare their students so they are fully equipped to enter the next stage of life being able to properly defend the faith and answer those tough questions. Next, Barron detailed his belief that it would be beneficial to “turn every parish into a missionary society,” to seek to better evangelize with young people and the religiously unaffiliated.

Barron said there must be “a dialogue with our priests and our people” regarding evangelization. He called for a change in mindset, and said that all parishes should be reaching out to the community with evangelization and mission work in mind. Parishes should “knock down the walls,” said Barron, and interact with the surrounding area.

“The young people aren't going to come to us,” said Barron. “We have to go out to them.”

To properly execute these various techniques and strategies, Barron said priests, bishops, and parishes must embrace a “creative use of new media,” namely, social media platforms such as Reddit, Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook. Social media is the “prime tool” to reach the young people, said Barron. He noted that young people are easily reached through social media, which are platforms that did not exist even a decade ago. The Church needs to embrace social media, which are platforms that can easily and simply reach large amounts of people, in order to reach into the world of young people, said Barron.

“It's a tool that we can and should use to reach out to this world,” said Barron. He said that social media has a “sticky” quality about it that can draw in a user to continue to consume content. He cited an example of someone who came to embrace Catholicism after finding Barron's videos regarding Bob Dylan and religion, which led to the person watching more and more videos on the Church. The Church, said Barron, must invest in this, as well as hire “really good people” to work on social media. After all, said the bishop, “young people live” online, and they must be reached where they can be found. “Now we want to get them to parishes,” he said, “but as a first step, I think that's one way to do it. (Courtesy of Catholic News Agency)

FORMING DISCIPLES | FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS



UPCOMING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Annual Spirit Day Confirmation Retreat for our STS 8th Graders and our Parish Religious Ed Candidates will be held on **Saturday, January 11th!**

The retreat, for students only, will begin at 9am in the School Cafeteria and will close with the 5pm Parish Vigil Mass.



Next month, from Thursday, January 23rd through Saturday, January 25th, 13 parishioners will be joining Fr. Manny, our Parish DRE Jorge Santibáñez, hundreds of pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Miami and hundreds of thousands of young pilgrims from around the country to promote the beauty and dignity of every human life at the 47th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

We give thanks to Alexandra, Andria, Gabriella, Isabel, JC, , Juliana, Lauren, Nicole, Priscilla, Siulin, Sofia, Sophie and Waldo for representing our Parish at this powerful gathering as we all pray for an end to abortion and respect for life!



JANUARY CONFIRMATION MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP WENSKI

On Tuesday, January 21st, Archbishop Thomas Wenski will be coming to Church of the Little Flower to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our St. Theresa School 8th Grade Class. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

Please keep these young Candidates, their Sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they prepare to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church!

All are invited to the Confirmation Mass in support of our young parishioners!



SAVE THE DATE!

*The 2020 Little Flower
Food & Wine Festival
will be held on
Saturday, February 22, 2020.
Bigger and better than ever!*

For more information, please contact Jorge Perez in the Parish Office.

HOLY LAND 2020 PILGRIMAGE UPDATES

The pre-departure meeting for the **January/February 2020** Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Michael Davis will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30pm in Comber Hall. Get your itinerary schedules, airline tickets, name tags, insurance certificates, and Holy Land book.

Only a few seats remain for the **March 2020** Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Flores. Contact Irma Aguilar at (305) 446-9950, Ext 314 for more information or to place a deposit and guarantee your spot!



COMING SOON: ST. AUGUSTINE BUS TRIP

Join us on our next Parish Bus Pilgrimage to Historic St. Augustine on March 18th and 19th, 2020! Visit, tour and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of our Lady of the Leche/Mission Nombre de Dios, where the first Catholic Mass in what is known as North America was celebrated. Visit the Fountain of Youth Archeological Park, enjoy a delicious dinner at the world renowned Columbia Restaurant founded in 1905 and still run by the same Hernandez Family for the past 114 years, and close with a tour of and Mass at the Basilica of St. Augustine.

Trip pricing will include all meals, transportation, entrance fees, hotel and tips. Private room is \$340. Double occupancy is \$285 per person. To reserve a spot, a \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required. The balance will not be due until February 14, 2020.

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